

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/748,133

Applicant(s)

MUMPER ET AL.

Examiner

Jose' G. Dees

Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jose' G. Dees.

(3) Dr. R. Mumper.

(2) Mr. Barrett.

(4) Mr. S. Benoit.

Date of Interview: 20 March 2003 .

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____ .

Claim(s) discussed: 1-32 .

Identification of prior art discussed: Vora et al, Acharya, and Benes et al .

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet .

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The attorney and Dr. Mumper discussed the differences between the references and the claimed invention and made the following comments. Aqueous gels are well known in the art. The novelty about this invention is the use of the pH sensitive polymer excipient that is solubilized in the gel and will precipitate out when applied to the mouth because of the lower pH within the mouth. Vora and Acharya do not teach the pH sensitive polymer when applied to the skin forms a polymer. Further, the mucoadhesive of Benes is a pre-formed film and does teach that pH sensitive polymer will form a film when applied to the skin. Further still, the Eudragit is cationic and will not precipitate out at the pH of the skin.